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1. Reference report mentions the two rival assemblies scheduled in Athens for the Federation of Construction Workers. The one called by the GSEE (General Confederation of Greek Workers) was to take place on 19 October 1952, the other called by the ESKE (United Syndicalist Movement of Greece) opposition was scheduled for 12 October 1952. In Salonika the Unions of Building Workers, Marble Workers and Carpenters decided to heed the call of the ESKE, and elected representatives to attend the meeting on 12 October 1952 in Athens. Since GSEE had given strict orders to the unions not to attend, it is expected that the unions involved will be expelled from GSEE memberships.

2. The following representatives were elected to go to Athens.

   a. Union of Builders: George Mangos, who headed the entire delegation, Dimitrios Vafiadis, Christos Papadopoulos, and Stavros Papadakis.

   b. Union of Carpenters: Athanasios Makrides and Athanasios Lambarides.

   c. The Marble Workers' Union held their election for representatives in a secret meeting on 10 October 1952, the results of which are not known. They, however, dispatched two representatives to Athens. The marble workers elected at the same time the other officers of the union. Source points out, however, that the election is illegal because no representative of GSEE, of the Labor Center or of the Labor Inspectorate attended. The administration of the union merely sent a letter to the Labor Center stating that elections had taken place and that delegates for the assembly on 12 October 1952 had been elected and dispatched to Athens.

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